

Lake County Commissioners in action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There were meetings March 22 and 24.

At the March 17 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for roadway materials for the Lake County Engineer's Road Department for the year 2011 with a bid opening date of April 6.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing assignment of an oil and gas well lease to South Shore Energy, LLC.

This is for a lease on the Lake County Solid Waste Facility property and was previously held by Broad Street Energy Co.

- Resolution approving change order Nos. 3 and 4 with Hallmark Excavating, Inc. for Lake Road Water

Improvement Project No. 319-W, in Madison Township, for the Lake County Department of Utilities, increasing Change order No. 3 concerns a 27-inch sanitary line which was in the path of the waterline, but not marked on the plan and No. 4 was for repair of a 6-inch valve.

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

- Resolution reclassifying Trevor Long to the position of operator trainee in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective March 14.

- Resolution reclassifying Michael Pegoraro to the position of operator trainee in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective March 14.

The reclassifications of Long and Pegoraro are due to retirements.

- Resolution amending tap-in charges for Summerwood Subdivision off-site sanitary sewer in Concord Township for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution appointing Michelle Woods to the Lake County Workforce Investment Board, representing private sector business, effective through Feb. 14, 2014.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment II to the customer supply agreement with FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

This is for the Lake County Crime Lab.

- Resolution accepting the retirement resignation of Herbert F. Fox from the position of laborer in the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department, effective March 31.

- Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment I to the memorandum of understanding between the city of Kirtland and the Lake County Board of Commissioners regarding the use of a mobile command center vehicle.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said the agreement states Kirtland will provide personnel to man the vehicle.

- Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment I to the agreements by and between the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the State of Ohio Department of Development and various sub-recipients for the State of Ohio Homeless Assistance Grant Program.

Marian Norman, HOME program manager, advised the commissioners that there was a six-month extension which would allow: "Lifeline to assist households below 35 percent area median income with security deposits as well as first month's rent as originally planned and Fair Housing Resource Center to include financial assistance eviction prevention for households below 35 percent area median income. The original planned activity, the provision of mortgage assistance for households below 50 percent AMI had a slow expenditure rate.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a consulting

agreement between Shaniuk and Associates, LLC and the Lake County Board of Commissioners in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

"Continuum of Care is a group that focuses more on the homeless end of the housing spectrum," Norman said.

Shaniuk will help identify the homeless population and provide other information.

The funds will come from Community Development Block Grant funds.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between CT Consultants, Inc. and the Lake County Board of Commissioners in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

"We have a scope of services of about 10 key items that they (HUD) want them to look at: regulatory issues, environmental permitting, historic preservation," said Jason Boyd, federal grants administrator. "A big chunk of that will be updating our five-year plan, another HUD requirement that will guide the new vision for where we want to spend these funds."

Aufuldish commented that most people did not realize how much had to be done to qualify for CDBG funds.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,003,196.71.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$574,707.47.

- Resolution increasing

appropriations for various general and non general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

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JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Director Matt Battiatto said he is expecting all of his state funding to be reduced by at least 10 percent.

"Some of our programs have been eliminated in terms of funding completely," he said. "Children's Services, surprisingly to me, has been hit pretty significantly in terms of our child protective services allocations."

Battiatto said there also seems to be more focus on PASSPORT, the Medicaid program which helps keep seniors in their homes longer, so there may be some shifting of funding. LCJFS would need to determine eligibility, but with fewer people in the department, that process could take longer.

FINANCE

Budget Director Mike Matas said word is Local Government Funds will be cut by 25 percent the first year of the state budget and 50 percent the second year.

The county share of sales tax receipts for December (the county receives the amounts three months later) were up about 4 percent.

"We're up 4.5 percent compared to last year, but if you compare to 2009, we're down 3 percent," Matas said.